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SUBJECT: ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES - CENTER FOR NATURAL
RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS ON MINERALS: OCEAN MINING AND
REAFFIRMATION OF ROLE OF CNR

1. THIS MSG. IS FIFTH OF SIX MSGS. CONTAINING PRELIMINARY DRAFTS
OF RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY VLADIMIR BAUM, WHICH REFLECT POSS-
IBLE ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT FORTHCOMING
TOKYO MEETING. THIS MSG. PERTAINS TO RECOMMENDATION REGARDING OCEAN
MINING AND REAFFIRMATION OF ROLE OF CNR.

2. THE COMMITTEE

A) RECONFIRMS THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AS
EMBRACING ALL RESOURCE PROBLEMS;

B) NOTING THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF FLUCTUATIONS IN MINERAL PRICES ON
MINERAL EXPLORATION, ON INVESTMENT IN MINERAL PRODUCTION AND ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINERAL-PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

C) CONCERNED THAT OCEAN MINING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL
JURISDICTIONS IF UNDERTAKEN OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF AN INTERNATION-
ALLY AGREED REGIME MIGHT ADVERSELY EFFECT THE GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS FOR CERTAIN MINERALS;

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D) HOPES THAT THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WILL ACHIEVE

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS AT THIS SESSION IN ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF THE SEA BED ;

E) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PREPARE FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF OCEAN MINING ON MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO ENABLE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PURSUE HARMONIOUS MINERAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AT GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS AND FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO KEEP THIS MATTER UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW. SCALI

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